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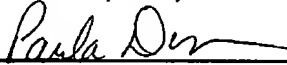
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Title : Improved Topsheet for Contacting Hydrous Body Tissues
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of 6/21/2004 please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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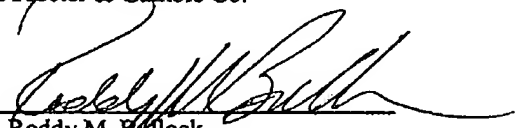
REMARKS

Claims 1 - 65 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 - 65 are subject to a restriction requirement. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

In accordance with the Examiner's restriction requirement (see page 3 of June 21, 2004 Official Action), the Applicant hereby elects Species I (Claims 1-11 and 20-23) under 35 USC §121 for prosecution on the merits.

Please cancel Claims 12 -19 and 24 - 65 without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,
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